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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:)	Confirmation No. 2310
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Saori KITAO)	Group Art No. 1637
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Serial No: 09/889,325)	Examiner: S. Chunduru
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Filed: January 19, 2000)	Docket No. 004276.00003
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For: GENE CAUSATIVE OF ROTHMUND-)	
THOMSON SYNDROME AND GENE)	
PRODUCT)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2004, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application Group III drawn to a diagnostic agent for Rothmund-Thomson syndrome containing an antibody binding to RecQ4 helicase. This invention encompasses claim 7.

No fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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